

# **Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah**

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**T**he Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2013 at 6:30 p.m., for a meeting held in the Murray City Council Chambers, 5025 South State Street, Murray, Utah.

Roll Call consisted of the following:

Dave Nicponski,	Council Chair
Jim Brass,	Council Member
Darren Stam,	Council Member
Jared Shaver,	Council Member - Conducted
Brett Hales,	Council Member

Others who attended:

Daniel Snarr,	Mayor
Jan Wells,	Chief of Staff
Jennifer Kennedy,	City Recorder
Frank Nakamura,	City Attorney
Pete Fondaco,	Police Chief
Craig Burnett,	Deputy Police Chief
Tim Tingey,	Administrative and Development Services Director
Justin Zollinger,	Finance Director
Dan Stireman,	Energy Services Manager
Citizens	

## 5. OPENING CEREMONIES

5.1 Pledge of Allegiance – Diane Turner, Citizen

5.2 Approval of Minutes

None scheduled.

5.3 Special Recognition:

5.3.1 Consider a Joint Resolution of the Mayor and the Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah declaring September 8 – 14, 2013 as Public Power Week.

Staff presentation: Dan Stireman, Energy Services Manager

Mayor Snarr read the Resolution in its entirety.

Mr. Brass made a motion to adopt the Resolution.

Mr. Hales 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy.

  A   Mr. Hales

  A   Mr. Nicponski

  A   Mr. Stam

  A   Mr. Brass

  A   Mr. Shaver

Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Stireman thanked the Council for passing this Resolution, especially in this the centennial year. As it is stated in the Resolution, they are having a celebration and they want the whole community to attend. They are planning on approximately 1,200 people and will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2013 from 4:00 p.m. until approximately 7:00 p.m. There will be food for everybody, demonstrations, drawings for power bill credits and trees from the Forestry Division. It will be a lot of fun. What Mr. Stireman hears every year is how much they appreciate a leisure gathering where they can sit and talk with their neighbors, have a meal and enjoy the community. He hopes to see everyone there for the celebration.

Mr. Stireman said that with this being the Power Department's centennial year he would like to present Mayor Snarr and the Council, on behalf of the Power Department, with a commemorative medallion that they had minted along with

some pins and key fobs. The medallion is encased in acrylic and is quite nice. He invited the Council to come and get a key fob or pin after the meeting.

Mr. Stireman added that the Power Department appreciates everything that the Mayor and Council does to support them and in making the policies, rates, etc. They also appreciate the confidence that is shown continually for the Power Department to continually deliver safe, reliable, and inexpensive power to the community.

Mr. Hales commented that he had the opportunity to spend a few days with Mr. Stireman at a conference and Murray City is very lucky to have Mr. Stireman. He is very proficient with his public relations and Mr. Hales got to see him on screen at the conference and it was impressive. He wanted to acknowledge what a great man Mr. Stireman is and how lucky Murray is to have him.

Mr. Shaver added that they are very grateful to Mr. Stireman and to Murray Power for what they provide to the citizens. It is one of the great services that the City provides its citizens and they are thankful.

6. **CITIZEN COMMENTS** (Comments are limited to 3 minutes unless otherwise approved by the Council.)

Pete Fondaco, Police Chief, Murray City

Chief Fondaco addressed the tragic event in Draper City. As a city, we need to recognize what happened out there and he wanted to stress his concerns. He told the Council in February, when we had a shooting in Murray, and it was a return fire shooting where the suspect fired first, he told the Council that the streets are becoming more and more dangerous for police officers out there. Here is another perfect example. This officer never even got out of his vehicle and was ambushed and killed.

Chief Fondaco stressed to the Council the importance of the job that these officers, that the Mayor and City Council are in charge of, are doing out on the streets for them. He doesn't think.....a lot of times we really do get complacent. He isn't talking about the officers; he is talking about the Chief, the Council, the Mayor and everyone else. He really wants to stress to the Council that it is time that this City and the State start looking at the job that these officers are doing and realize that this isn't a small little bedroom community anymore that nobody has to worry about because it is Utah. This is becoming a more and more dangerous area. It took a while to get here; but it is here. That is the scary thing that these officers have to deal with. This officer was headed back to the office to go home. He wasn't on a call. You just never know what is going to happen. Chief Fondaco just wanted to take a minute to explain so that everyone can understand the enormity of this situation and maybe stress a little bit more that these officers are out there doing a heck of a job for you and the citizens and we need to take care of them.

Mr. Nicponski acknowledged and agreed with the Chief. It is vital that we maintain good training opportunities for our patrolmen and our detectives. It is dangerous out there. If you tier

this thing, it comes from Salt Lake City. It flows south and Murray is third on the firing lines; Salt Lake City, South Salt Lake and Murray. We are subject to that crime activity and the Police Department does a great job. We have some of these young officers and he worries about them. They are so young. They are bright-eyed and bushy-tailed and it takes some time. We need to train them properly and he feels that the Chief does a good job of doing that and making sure that we have good training facilities and we need to maintain those. He thanked the Chief for all he does.

Mr. Shaver thanked Chief Fondaco for bringing that situation to their attention and added that they very much appreciate the work that the City's officers do and the risks that they take. His understanding was that in this particular situation the individual actually set out to attack someone in a patrol car; that is what he wanted to do. No matter what the training had been done nothing could have prepared him for what happened. He would have had to have his gun out and pointed all the time which is not possible and they understand that. He would hope that the Chief would pass along to his officers that the Council is well aware that they put their lives at risk for the citizens of the City and they are much appreciative of that.

## **7. CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Shaver asked that the following be taken together. No objections were noted.

- 7.1 Consider confirmation of the Mayor's reappointment of Steve Meyer to the Murray Power Advisory Board in an At-Large position for a three-year term to expire June 1, 2016.
- 7.2 Consider confirmation of the Mayor's reappointment of Darin Bird to the Shade tree and Beautification Commission in an At-Large position to fulfill the remainder of a three-year term that will expire June 30, 2015.
- 7.3 Consider confirmation of the Mayor's reappointment of Jay Hazelgren to the Shade Tree and Beautification Commission in an At-Large position to fulfill the remainder of a three-year term that will expire on June 30, 2015.
- 7.4 Consider confirmation of the Mayor's reappointment of Geneal Nelson to the Shade Tree and Beautification Commission in an At-Large position to fulfill the remainder of a three-year term that will expire on June 30, 2015.
- 7.5 Consider confirmation of the Mayor's reappointment of James Hendrickson to the Shade Tree and Beautification Commission in an At-Large position for a three-year term that will expire on June 30, 2016.
- 7.6 Consider confirmation of the Mayor's reappointment of Ian Wright to the History Advisory Board in an At-Large position for a three-year term to expire August 1, 2016.
- 7.7 Consider confirmation of the Mayor's reappointment of Peter Steele to the History Advisory Board in an At-Large position for a three-year term to expire August 1, 2016.

- 7.8 Consider confirmation of the Mayor's appointment of Sara Keil Roach to the History Advisory Board in an At-Large position for a three-year term to expire August 1, 2016.

Ms. Keil Roach stood and introduced herself.

Mr. Nicponski made a motion to approve the confirmations.  
Mr. Hales 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy.

A Mr. Hales  
A Mr. Nicponski  
A Mr. Stam  
A Mr. Brass  
A Mr. Shaver

Motion passed 5-0

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 8.1 None scheduled.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 9.1 None scheduled.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

- 10.1 None Scheduled

**11. MAYOR**

- 11.1 Mayor's Report

Mayor Snarr said that he had spent some time with Congressman Jim Matheson today and they toured the AAA Restoration and Mini Dealership. Don Goettsche (owner of AAA Restoration) is a good friend of Mayor Snarr for many years and he did an excellent job. The Mini Dealership did a great job as well. Dave Clark came down and shared how thrilled they are to still be in Murray. That is the only Mini Dealership in Utah, in fact the only one from Denver to Reno. The City is thrilled that the dealership is here.

Congressman Matheson has represented Murray for a long time. Murray has always been a part of his district even though he doesn't technically live in this district anymore. Prior to the State doing the redistricting he was living our district and has represented Murray and our needs and concerns well and has been very responsive when called upon.

The Public Power Day Celebration will be on September 12, 2013 as mentioned. As the person from the County said, you have to keep repeating things, so he will mention this once more. It will be an extra special day this year as it is the centennial celebration of this department and he hopes to see everyone there at Murray Park between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. It is always a great activity with all of the food, education and fun.

Mayor Snarr reminded everyone that the children are back in school now and encouraged all of the residents to be very sensitive to the fact that there are children out there. They are out at different times of the day with kindergarten and early days so he asked people to be mindful of that.

Mayor Snarr complimented the City's police officers. He has noticed that when there is a light that is not working at school crossings, they will pull up and turn on their lights, which definitely gets citizens attention to slow down and watch out. There is no better way to get people to slow down and pay attention than to have a police car turn on their lights. People slow down on the freeway when they see a police car on the side of the road even when there is no accident. He also appreciates that if a crossing guard isn't available, our officers will get out there and act as crossing guards whenever needed.

The Mayor shared the Wasatch Front Regional Council's Regional Broadband Project. It is a regional initiative of the State of Utah Broadband Project. The purpose of this project is to create a Regional Broadband Planning Council and a Regional Broadband Plan for the five county Wasatch Front Regional Council region. The project seeks to improve broadband use and access. Box Elder County has the big Proctor and Gamble that came here and had the availability to the fiber optics and ATK which is part of the UTOPIA network. The Broadband Project is a state-wide effort erected through the Governor's Office of Economic Development with funding from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration and in partnership with Utah Broadband Planning Council and Automated Geographical Resource Center.

Mayor Snarr says that they are really going to sell Utah and all of the businesses that want to be here because they realize that we have capabilities that nobody else has throughout the United States. It talks about all of the things it is being used for. If anyone would like this great information, he can get that for them. The Mayor has always supported this and taken a lot of heat for it, but that is life.

Mayor Snarr said that the Council had a tough decision that they had to make last week with a lot of heat and pressure. He spent time going out and looking at these developments again to see if he was off the mark. He likes to watch and see the evolution of cities and core areas that have been challenged to see what they did to bring them back to life and keep them vibrant. He is still committed to the fact and hopes that at some point in time they can address that issue again. If anyone ever wants to take a tour with him and talk to some of the neighbors, they are welcome to. Some of these developments had the developers doing an excellent job of putting up the development, such as the one on 6400 South. He can take you to some of these where the development is vertical right

next to the neighbors below. He feels that some of the things that were said by the neighbors at the last meeting didn't necessarily represent the way it really is and his opinion is that in the long run, that neighborhood would better be served by the development of that property instead of seeing those houses continue to challenge that neighborhood as they have in other areas.

Mayor Snarr just wanted to share his thoughts. Sometimes he feels he has to validate his thinking and it is good to go out and actually see a project that has been successful and that has helped enhance the neighborhoods. That is how he has based much of his decision making while he has been the Mayor. He goes out and visually looks and ask questions; see what the neighbors say in these neighborhoods where at one time they had been somewhat opposed and now feel that it has been a great enhancement to their neighborhood and brought value and increased desire for people to come and live in the neighborhood because the area has been cleaned up.

Mr. Nicponski added that he hopes that development will come back to the City. He asked the Mayor if he thought they would be back.

Mayor Snarr stated that he and Mr. Tingey had met with John again and he doesn't know if those particular developers will continue there. There is a time frame and a window of opportunity to get financing and sometimes that disappears. If you have a tenant who really wants to have a design built to suit project and he has a timeline that he has to be in a building and operating, sometimes that goes away. We will have to see what happens. Perhaps someone else will look at that. The Mayor felt more empathy for the people that own the houses and can't sell them and don't have the money to put into them anymore.

Mr. Hales said that when he listens to the Mayor talk, he thinks back and they have really trusted and supported the Mayor. There have been some really tough things but the Mayor has had some really great suggestions and on the whole he feels like he has really gone out and supported the Mayor and his great ideas. He knows the landscape and that kind of business and the Council has a lot of faith in the Mayor.

#### 11.2 Questions of the Mayor

### 10. ADJOURNMENT

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**Jennifer Kennedy, City Recorder**